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In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING L3 SWITCHING BY A

NETWORK SWITCH IN A STACKING ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 2, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 6.